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FRANKFURT FOR EDER, GAO

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SUBJ: GAO REVIEW: "FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROGRAM: CASE
STUDIES OF MAJOR ARMS SALES"

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1. THE EMBASSY IS OF COURSE PREPARED TO OFFER EVERY APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO THE GAO IN THIS MATTER. AT SAME TIME WE ARE STRUCK BY THE EXTENT TO WHICH THIS PROPOSED EXAMINATION APPEARS TO DUPLICATE AN EXTENSIVE GAO REVIEW OF THE MISSION'S COMPLIANCE WITH PL 95-92, WHICH WAS CARRIED OUT IN DECEMBER 1977 (JUSMG/MAAG MADRID 201530Z DEC 77 CONTAINS AN AFTER-ACTION REPORT ON THAT REVIEW. A COPY WAS POUCHED TO EUR/WE IN DECEMBER).

2. FURTHER, WE THINK WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SATISFY A LARGE PART OF WHAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION GAO MIGHT REQUIRE SIMPLY BY PREPARING AN ANALYSIS OF THE TWO RECENT CASES IN WHICH THEY ARE INTERESTED.

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3. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE ENTIRE SUBJECT OF US ARMS TRANSFER POLICY TOWARD SPAIN IS ONE OF GREAT SENSITIVITY FOR THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS RAISED ITS CONCERNS AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS. WE WOULD WISH TO APPROACH THE QUESTION OF ANY GAO CONTACTS WITH SPANISH OFFICIALS AT THIS TIME WITH THE VERY GREATEST CARE.

4. IF THE GAO REPRESENTATIVES ARE WILLING TO PROCEED
WITHOUT ANY ASSURANCE THAT THE AMBASSADOR WILL FIND IT AP-
PROPRIATE FOR THEM TO TALK WITH SPANISH OFFICIALS, A VISIT
BY THEM BEGINNING ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 9 WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

5. THE MISSION'S CONTROL OFFICER FOR THE VISIT WILL BE
THE CHIEF OF THE PLANS AND LIAISON SECTION OF JUSMG/MAAG,
COL. JOHN J. TOBIN (MADRID OFFICE TELEPHONE: 243-2800 EXT.
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